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To: Ecosystem Roundtable Members and Interested Parties

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Subject: Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting

Enclosed is the agenda packet for the Ecosystem Roundtable meeting set for Thursday, February 20, 1997 from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. in room 1131 of the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento. The packet includes the following items:

- Agenda
- Meeting summary from January meeting
- Revised Implementation Strategy
- Roundtable mission statement-incorporating changes recommended at December meeting
- 5 Year Work plan--slightly revised from December version
- Restoration Program Coordination- Outline of draft Work plan for next 6 months
- CALFED Flood Protection Opportunities

There are two objectives for this next meeting. The first is for the Roundtable to take action to approve the revised Implementation Strategy, with any necessary modifications. This document has been revised based on the comments at the December and January meetings. The Strategy describes the near-term restoration priorities. CALFED needs approval of the Implementation Strategy in order to proceed with the current year funding process.

The second objective of the February meeting is to discuss the major program activities of the Restoration Coordination Program. As we have stated in past meetings the primary objective of the Restoration Coordination Program is to:

Develop and implement an integrated and objective ecosystem restoration planning process to identify and fund near-term restoration activities that support the CALFED long term program.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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To accomplish this objective CALFED staff have focused on the following two program activities:

- Category III Funding Process--Develop a planning and project selection process in 1997, primarily for Category III funding decisions, but which also begins to integrate restoration efforts of other closely related restoration programs.
- Restoration Program Coordination/Virtual Pool Concept-- Develop a more integrated planning and project selection process among the many funding programs that are implemented within the problem and solution areas of the Bay Delta ecosystem.

Enclosures